

ITALIANS HOLD NEW POSTS AGAINST COUNTER BLOWS

ALPINISTS SURPRISE FOE
ON SUMMIT OF CAVELLO

Battle at Altitude 10,500 Feet Ends to Advantage

Italians—Austrians Forfeit More Prisoners

As Capo Sile Is Reoccupied by the
Defending Troops.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, June 26.—Italian troops on the southern part of the Piave front have not only completely reoccupied the Capo Sile bridgehead, but have extended it and held the gain against Austrian counter attacks. The extension was effected yesterday. During the fighting nearly 400 prisoners were taken. The war office made this announcement today.

Fourth Army in Gains.

(Associated Press.)
Italian Army Headquarters, June 25 (Tuesday).—In the higher Alps there are evidences of renewed activity. Italian alpinists, surprising the enemy on the summit of Cavello, 10,500 feet high, in the Tonale region, took sixty prisoners and captured several machine guns.

North of Monte Grappa detachments of the Fourth army, after violent artillery and machine gun preparation, made thrusts and secured advantages despite severe enemy resistance.

Capture 378 Austrians.

(International News Service.)
Rome, June 26.—The bridgehead position at Capo Sile, on the delta of the Piave river, has been completely reoccupied by the Italians, the war office announced today.

The Italians have captured 378 additional Austro-Hungarians. On the remainder of the Italian front there has been heavy artillery firing. Seven more Austrian airplanes have been downed.

FORMER HEAD OF D. A. R.
INDICTED FOR LARCENYConspiracy One of Three
Charges Against Mrs. Wm.
Cummings Story.

(Associated Press.)
New York, June 26.—Following an investigation of the financial affairs of the National Emergency Relief society, Mrs. William Cummings Story, former director-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was indicted here today on charges of grand larceny, petit larceny and conspiracy. Mrs. Story is president of the relief society.

The indictment names Mrs. Story and her sons, Sterling and Allen, as co-defendants in the conspiracy allegations, which form two counts in the bill.

Mrs. Story is also a prominent member of the Colonial Dames.

EX-PREMIER KERENSKY
ADDRESSES BRITISH LABORLoud Cheers Greet Former Russian
Leader Who Arrived In-
cognito Several Days Ago.

(International News Service.)
London, June 26.—The bolsheviks are working entirely for the interests of Germany, whether willingly or unwillingly, but their days are numbered.

This declaration was made here today by Alexander Kerensky, former premier of Russia, at a speech before the meeting of the labor party.

"I believe, indeed, I am certain," added the former premier, "that the Russian people will shortly join you in the fight for the great cause of freedom."

Kerensky told the labor conference delegates: "I have just come straight from Moscow and it is my duty as a statesman and a socialist to tell you and the people of the world that the Russian people are fighting against tyranny."

"Russian democracy is fighting for ideals dear to all of us," declared the former premier.

"I feel that it is my duty as a statesman and a socialist to tell the whole world that the Russian people and the Russian democracy are fighting against tyranny."

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TENNESSEE-CAROLINA
BORDER COUNTIANS RESIST

(Associated Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 26.—Gov. Bickett announced today that in an effort to dissolve resistance to the army draft in Ashe county, which he believes due to ignorance of the causes of America's entrance into the war, that he would make an address on the war Saturday afternoon at Jefferson, the county seat of Ashe county.

He sent instructions to Adj. Gen. Young, who is in Jefferson, to have "notices sent to every nook and corner of the county," announcing the address.

The draft board of Ashe county, which borders on Tennessee, and parts of which lie in almost inaccessible mountain regions, recently advised the governor that about forty men had taken to the mountains rather than obey calls for army service. One of them has been killed after killing a citizen who tried to arrest him. Gen. Young was sent to Ashe county to investigate.

HIGH OFFICIALS
OPPOSE CHANGE

Secretary Baker and Gen.

March Hold Extension Draft

Age as Premature.

CROWDER "NOT INSISTENT"

Probable Congress Will Follow
Recommendations, Say Num-
ber of Senators.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, June 26.—Secretary Baker and Gen. March, chief of staff, informed the senate military committee today that they opposed as premature and unnecessary the proposed extension of the army draft age limits.

Provost Marshal-General Crowder, whose approval of the extension has been cited by advocates of the change in the senate also appeared before the committee to say that while he regarded the extension as necessary he was not insistent upon immediate legislation, but thought action should be taken in time to secure new registrants under the revised age limits early next year.

Confident Support in Congress.

The army officials attended a meeting of the committee just before the senate convened to continue consideration of the army appropriation bill, with amendments pending to change the age limits. Gen. March and Mr. Baker said sufficient men are available and subject to call from the first registration, the reclassification now in progress and from the 800,000 new registrants of the 1918 class, for the army's requirements during the next few months. General opinion of the army general staff accords with this view, Gen. March said.

Most of the senators who heard the statements believed that congress would follow their recommendations. If congress insists upon immediate legislation, Secretary Baker, Gen. March and Gen. Crowder were said to be agreed, the minimum age limit of 21 should be lowered to secure younger men for military service, rather than to make any extensive raise in the maximum age limit by which older men would be secured. They told the committee that they would better fight for men who would be secured by reduction of the age limit—instead of the present minimum of 21.

Present Latest Figures.
The latest statistics and estimates regarding the number of men still available under the present law, and the new British-Canadian treaty were presented confidentially to the committee, together with the war department's plans for further draft calls.

Secretary Baker, it was said, expressed merely his personal views and those of his military advisors and did not suggest the opinion of President Wilson on the question, although it had been reported that the president also opposes immediate legislation.

New Army Program.

In asking that the draft legislation go over for the present, Secretary Baker and Gen. March said that within sixty or ninety days, probably about the middle of August, after the proposed recess of congress is ended, the administration will submit a new, comprehensive army program, covering not only the number of men it is proposed to raise, but also dealing with shipping and other problems.

Accede to Superiors.
After congress returns from the recess, the war department heads stated, the army would be in a position to make concrete recommendations, both for enlargement of the army and also regarding the draft.

The proposal for postponement of the legislation changing age limits or otherwise disturbing present draft arrangements was said to be the unanimous view of the war department experts, approved by Secretary Baker. Although Gen. Crowder adhered to his advocacy of the general principle of extending the draft limits, before the committee he took the position that it is an administrative officer ready to accede to the decision of his superiors and that he concurred in the suggestion for temporary postponement of congressional action.

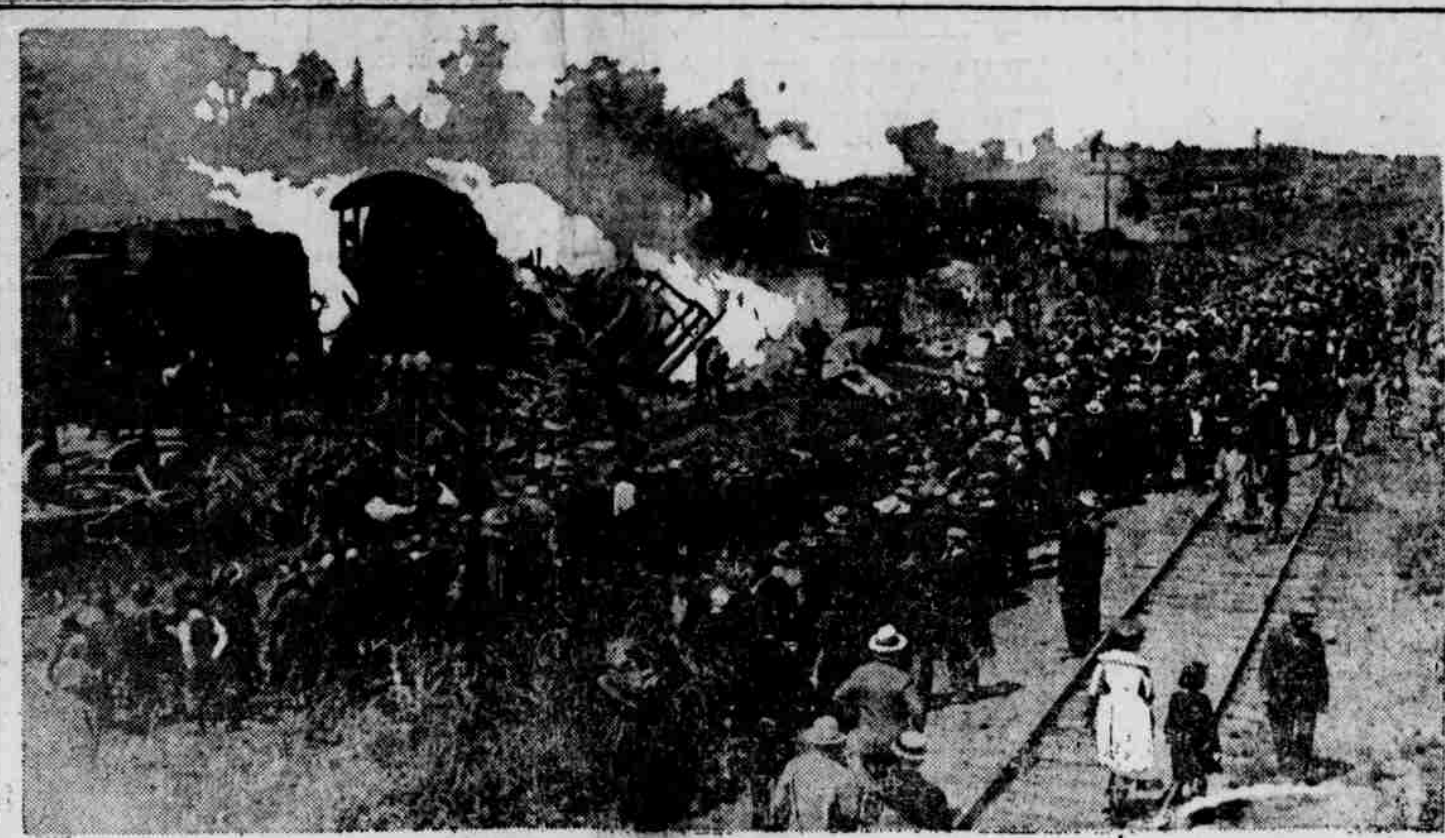
Baker in Statement.
Secretary Baker issued the following formal statement after he had been closed with the committee for three hours:

"I presented to the committee statements that for the present there are enough men in class I sufficient for our prospective needs and when the enlarged program of the United States is ready for presentation to congress, we will at the same time have complete data on which to base any recommendations for change in the age limit of the draft."

Republicans in Storm.

Senator Chamberlain's announcement of the war department's attitude brought a storm of protest from the republican side. Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, insisted that Gen. Crowder, provost marshal-general, who had charge of the draft, favored the adop-

WHERE EIGHTY-FIVE DIED IN CIRCUS TRAIN WRECK



This picture shows where most of the performers in the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus were burned to death in the wreck of their circus train at Gary, Ind. The smoke is rising from the spot (in the center of the picture) where nearly fifty charred bodies were found. The picture indicates the character of the district, distant from the city, where the wreck occurred, and explains why the fire departments were so late in reaching the scene and fighting the blaze. Eighty-five are believed to have died in the wreck, which was caused by the train's breaking down and being hit by a speeding train of troop-cars before the engineer of the oncoming train saw the danger signals.

AMERICANS ENDURE
FIRE AT THIERRYShells Distributed Over Whole
Sector—Bullets Bom-
barded.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, June 26.—Belated reports giving a descriptive story of what the American troops have been doing northwest of Chateau Thierry since June 20 are contained in Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday received today at the war department. The communique follows:

"Section A—There have been no fresh developments at points occupied by our troops.

"Section B—For our troops in the Chateau Thierry region the twenty-four hours from noon, June 20 to noon June 21, were quiet as compared with the many days of great activity which they have recently experienced. The German artillery continued to shell both our front lines and rear areas, distributing its fire rather impartially over the sector. The Clermont and Marquette woods, Lucy Le Douce, triangle farm, Lethiole and Boursches, all received their share. So did the Paris road on our other principal lines of communication, but the number of shells used was moderate for this locality and most of them were of small or medium calibre.

"The fire was of various sorts some of the harassing sort directed against our billets in rear areas at intervals during the day and night and some for the obvious purpose of cutting our communications. As usual, some of the lower and wooded areas were shelled with gas, but high explosives and shrapnel were frequent. The German machine guns were active against our lines, especially in the vicinity of Boursches, and snipers were active near the engineers of the Bois de Belleau and around the Boursches railroad station.

Future Calls of Men to
Colors Announced

Washington, June 26.—Senator Chamberlain announced today that it is proposed to call in August 300,000 draft men, in September 150,000, in October 150,000, in November 150,000, and in December 125,000. This 825,000 men, he said, is expected to exhaust class one.

Food Shortage in Petrograd,
Boundary Deadlock Continues

Washington, June 26.—The food situation in Petrograd is very serious, according to the state department this afternoon. There is much suffering there. The dispatch also adds that the Russian and Ukraine delegates still are deadlocked on the boundary question.

REAR ADMIRAL REYNOLDS
INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

(Associated Press.)
Guilford, Miss., June 25.—Rear Admiral Alfred Reynolds, of the Guilford naval training station, was seriously injured today as the result of the overturning of an automobile. Attending physicians stated that in addition to severe bruises and possible internal injuries several ribs were fractured.

tion of the pending amendment raising the draft age.
Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, insisted it was the duty of congress alone to fix the draft age limits and that the executive department had nothing to do with the matter.

Senator Fall, of New Mexico, intimated that politics was playing an important part in the controversy and that fear of losing the coming election might be a factor.

DEFEAT KNOWN
WITHIN HUN ARMY

Depression Follows Surprise.

Hoped for Knockout Blow
in Italy.

ITALIANS STILL ADVANCE

Duke of Aosta's Third Army
Reorganizing Defense System
on Piave Front.

(Associated Press.)

With the British Army in France, Tuesday, June 25.—The Austrian reverse in Italy is becoming known within the German lines and is causing depression, according to prisoners captured by the British. The German soldiers are surprised at the Austrian defeat, as it was believed firmly that the offensive movement, intended to administer a knockout blow to Italy, would be a complete success and therefore hasten an early peace.

Burying Masses of Dead.

(Associated Press.)
Italian Army Headquarters, Monday, June 25.—The Duke of Aosta's third army continued today to advance along the Piave front in the Capo Sile region, cleaning the positions abandoned by the Austrians, picking up the abandoned war material, burying the masses of dead and reorganizing the entire defense system, which had been badly cut up during the last ten days.

The silence of death, it might be said, prevails today along the greater part of the Piave river region. The scene at some places where the fighting had been extremely severe, such as the Montello region, was one of awful confusion. From this region to the sea, also, every little village near the fighting line was a ruin, with hardly a house with one stone or brick left in place, the dead being mixed up with the heaps of debris in an inextricable tangle.

Men who are familiar with the Ypres and other sectors in Flanders, and likewise with the swamps on the Russian front, state that nothing worse in the way of death and destruction and confusion had ever been witnessed there than in these river regions in north-eastern Italy.

The Piave river situation now is as it was before the Austrian offensive began on June 15, except that the Italians are making progress in extending their bridgeheads at Capo Sile.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

A "Book of Knowledge" I have bought which makes me worldly wise; it tells me off on point things that you would scarce surmise; how many eggs laid in a row will reach around the earth? I venture, now, that you don't know. You see, it shows it's worth. Another point I value much is with each twenty men an extra woman is thrown in—so I'll try once again.

The weather? Fair, with little change in temperature tonight and Thursday.

Now on Three Fronts

Americans holding "Consid-
erable" Line in Alsace,
Scene of Hard Battles.

(Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, June 26.—The new sector held by American troops in Alsace is in the region northwest of Gebweiler. This sector is not far from the famous Harman's Wellerkopf, the scene of so much hard fighting in the past.

The Americans are now holding a considerable front in three different fronts in Alsace.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY
BREAKS POLITICAL TRUCEAdopts Resolution to No Longer
Recognize Party Truce in Ef-
fect Since Early in War.

London, June 26.—The British labor party, at its conference held here today, adopted a resolution to the effect that the party political truce which has been in effect in Great Britain since early in the war should no longer be recognized.

Delegates representing 1,704,000 votes favored the resolution, while representatives of 915,000 votes were against it.

Food Situation in Vienna
Grave—Rioting Continues

Washington, June 26.—The food situation in Vienna is critical, according to authentic information reaching the state department this afternoon. This information, which comes from Vienna direct through a neutral agency, and which is the first word from the Austro-Hungarian capital in a week, declares that the food situation is very grave and that the rioting continues.

HUNS ON MARCH AGAIN IN
RUSSIA; UNEXPLAINABLE

(International News Service.)
London, June 26.—The Germans are again advancing in Russia and are marching upon Smolensk, Dr. Jaffre, the bolshevik ambassador at Berlin, has been notified by Tchitcherin, the bolshevik foreign minister of Russia, according to an Exchange Telegraph cable from Moscow today. The foreign minister said he considered this action by Germany "to be unexplainable."

Smolensk is on the Dnieper river, 250 miles southwest of Moscow.

YET NO WORD ON SEIZURE
U. S. HOSPITAL BY TURKS

(Associated Press.)
Washington, June 26.—Minister Caldwell at Tehran has advised the state department, under date of June 24, that he has been unable to obtain further information regarding the reported seizure of the American consulate and looting of an American hospital by Turkish troops at Tabriz, Persia.

CUT WIFE'S THROAT AS SHE
LEANED OVER BABY'S BED

(Associated Press.)
Savannah, Ga., June 26.—As the culmination of an unhappy marriage and resultant domestic disagreements, B. R. Williamson this morning cut his wife's throat and then cut his own in an attempt to end their troubles. The wife probably will live, but there is no hope for Williamson.

Williamson made the attack upon his wife while she was leaning over the bed of their sick baby daughter,

U-S TROOPS IN
BRILLIANT SALLY150 Prisoners Taken in Open
Operations Near Belleau
Wood—French in Raids.

GERMANS MAKE ATTACK

Entire Battalion Attacks Fran-
co-American Companies at
Vital Points.

(Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, June 26.—In an attack upon the German lines on the Marne front last night the American troops extended their line northwest of Belleau wood. Up to 10 o'clock this morning 214 prisoners had been counted, together with a number of machine guns and other booty. Additional prisoners are coming in.

The Americans now are in possession of virtually all the valuable tactical positions in the Belleau wood sector. Most of the prisoners taken belong to the 347th German division.

On Sunday the Germans placed the crack 201st division opposite a portion of the American line. Despite this the Americans went through in steam roller fashion.

Fill Wood With Gas.

The Germans also had attempted on Saturday to fill the wood with gas, but the determination and heroism of the Americans could not be checked by this circumstance.

The American artillery again brilliantly carried out its part in throwing the entire German line into confusion. Prisoners said that the position from which they had been taken was like an inferno under the American fire. They were happy to get out alive.

Paris, June 26.—American troops carried out a brilliant attack near Belleau wood last night, capturing 150 prisoners. The attack was a captain, according to the statement issued by the war office today.

The French carried out a number of raids during the night, the statement adds, in the regions of Mailly-Rainval (in the Somme sector), Mellog (west of the Oise), Vinly (north of the Clignon river) and northwest of Chateau Thierry, and at Mont Caraillet (east of Rheims), capturing prisoners and machine guns.

Rush Irresistible.

(Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, June 26.—American troops on the Marne front again attacked the Germans last night in the Belleau wood sector. The Americans made an irresistible rush for the complete clearing of the wood, in which it was discovered yesterday the Germans were still occupying a small strip of the underbrush.

Thirteen-Hour Bombardment.
The attack was preceded by a 13-hour bombardment from the American artillery. German prisoners taken yesterday said that the attack of the Americans, declaring the men in the assaulting party fought like demons. The Germans were virtually cleared of Belleau wood several days ago and the clearing process was not complete until yesterday. It was most difficult to get at them in these positions and some fierce hand to hand fighting occurred during the night while the clearing process was being carried out.

In Picardy and Flanders.

(Associated Press.)
London, June 26.—German prisoners and machine guns were taken by the British last night on the Picardy and Flanders fronts. The official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. On those two fronts the enemy artillery fire has been active.

The statement reads:
We captured a few prisoners and machine guns last night in raids and patrol encounters in the neighborhood of Mailly-le-Sec (Picardy) and west of Merville (Flanders). The hostile artillery has been active in the neighborhood of Villers-sur-Ancres and Gommecourt and on the Bailloult-Hazebrouck sector.

The statement reads:
"The French carried out a number of raids during the night at Mailly-Rainval, Mellog, Vinly, Mont Caraillet and in Lorraine. Prisoners and machine guns were taken."

"New German attacks against small posts north of Le Port (west of Soissons) were repulsed."

"American troops carried out a brilliant operation during the night near Belleau wood. One hundred and fifty prisoners, one of whom is a captain, have already been counted."

Battalion in Attack.

(International News Service.)
With the American Army in France, June 25 (night).—An entire German battalion participated in yesterday morning's raid near Badonviller against two Franco-American companies that were holding strong points.

The attack followed a violent bombardment.

The Germans were split up into two parties. Each group appeared to outnumber the allied forces. Most terrible this fact German prisoners were taken and casualties were inflicted upon the attackers. Our men fought valiantly.

Berlin Claims 60.

(Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, June 25.—The raid Monday morning in which two companies of French and American troops near Badonviller lost prisoners was made by an entire battalion of German troops. The enemy advanced in two columns after the way had been prepared by a heavy bombardment with gas shells.

The official statement issued Tuesday in Berlin said:

"The number of American and French prisoners brought in yesterday morning east of Badonviller has increased to more than sixty."